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Amendments To the Claims:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with strikethrough. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Applicants reserve the right to pursue any cancelled claims at a later date.

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-11. (cancelled)

12. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim ~~10~~18, wherein the software is automatically uninstalled in the second communication component after a time period that the service is not used in the second communication component, ~~the software is automatically uninstalled~~.

13-17. (cancelled)

18. (currently amended) A method for providing resources in a communication network having communication components, the method comprising:
    providing a service to the communication network via a software running on a communication component, the communication component running the software includes a hardware resource required for use by the software in order to provide the service;
    establishing a connection from a second communication component to the communication component providing the service to the communication network;
    checking the second communication component for the existence of the hardware resource;
    checking that a license is available for the software;
    ~~The method as claimed in claim 14, further comprises~~ checking by the communication component running the software to determine if the second communication component is

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authorized to receive ~~the~~ a copy of the software from the communication component running the software;~~,~~ and

transferring the copy of the software from the communication component running the software to the second communication component ~~wherein the copy is transferred~~ in response to ~~the~~ a positive check for the existence of the hardware, ~~the~~ a positive check for the available license, and a positive check for the authorization.

19-24. (cancelled)

25. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 18,

further comprises running the software on the second communication component in response to transferring the software,

wherein ~~the software running on~~ the second communication component includes information of a release of the software,

wherein after finding a second software running on a third communication component, the second software providing the service ~~and including a release of the software~~, the release of the software on the second communication component is compared with ~~the~~ a release of the second software, and

wherein a copy of the second software is transferred in response to the comparison indicating that the release of the second software is more up-to-date than the software on the second communication component.

26. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 30, wherein the checking for a ~~more-up-to-date~~ more up-to-date release is automatically performed by the second communication component at regular intervals of time.

27. (curently amended) The method as claimed in claim 30, wherein the checking for a ~~more-up-to-date~~ more up-to-date release is automatically performed by the second communication component after an activation of the service on the second communication component.

28-29. (cancelled)

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30. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 25, further comprising:

checking the second communication component for the existence of a hardware component required by the second software;

checking that a license is available for the second software; and

checking by the communication component using the second software to determine if the second communication component is authorized to receive the copy,

wherein the copy of the second software is transferred in response to a positive check for the existence of the hardware, a positive check for the available license, and a positive check for the authorization.

31. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim ~~10~~18, further comprises:

initiating by the second communication component a search for the communication component providing the service; and

locating the communication component providing the service,

wherein the connection is established in response to locating the communication component.

32. (currently amended) A method for transferring a software that provides a service in a communication network, the method comprising:

initiating a search for a communication component ~~providing~~ that provides the service,

the communication component provides the service by running the software,

the search initiated by a second communication component that does not include the software to provide the service, and

the software requires a hardware resource in order to run the software and to provide the service, thereby the communication component running the software includes the hardware resource;

~~locating the communication component providing service;~~

establishing a connection from the second communication component to the communication component providing the service ~~in response to locating the communication component;~~

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sending a message from the second component to the communication component providing the service,

the message requesting for an information identifying the hardware resource required for use by the software in order to provide the service;

receiving, by the second communication component from ~~providing by~~ the communication component providing the service, a response message having an information identifying the hardware resource ~~required for use by the software~~;

checking the second communication component for the existence of ~~the~~ a hardware ~~component~~ resource based on the information in the response message;

~~checking by the communication component using the software to determine if the second communication component is authorized to receive a copy of the software;~~

~~transferring the~~ receiving a copy of the software from the communication component providing the service ~~to the second communication component~~ in response to ~~a positive check~~ ~~for the~~ an existence of the hardware ~~and a positive check for the authorization~~; and

providing the service in the second communication component.

33. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 32, ~~further comprises checking that a license is available for the software,~~

wherein the copy is ~~transferred~~ received in response to:

~~a positive check for~~ the existence of the hardware, ~~a positive check for the authorization~~

the second communication component being authorized to receive a copy of the copy, and

and a ~~positive check for the available~~ license being available for the copy of the software.

34. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 32, wherein the software is automatically uninstalled in the second communication component after a time period that the service is not used in the second communication component, ~~the software is automatically uninstalled~~.

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35. (currently amended) A method for transferring a software that provides a service in a communication network, the communication network having a first communication component running a first release of the software and a second communication component running a second release of the software, the method comprising:

initiating, by the second communication component providing the service, a search for the first communication component providing the service,

locating the first communication component providing the service;

sending a message from the second component to the first communication component, the message requesting the first communication component for an information identifying a hardware resource required for use by the software in order to provide the service;

receiving, by the second communication component from the first communication component, a response message having the information identifying the hardware resource;

providing by the first communication component an information identifying the hardware resource required for use by the software providing the service in the first communication component;

checking the second communication component for the existence of the hardware componentresource based on the information in the response message;

comparing the first release to the second release; and

in response to a positive check for the existence of the hardware, and to the comparison indicating that the first release is more up-to-date that the second release:

transferring a copy of the software from the first communication component to the second communication component in response to a positive check for the existence of the hardware, and to the comparison indicating that the first release is more up-to-date that the second release; and

providing the updated more up-to-date service by the second communication component.

36. (previously provided) The method as claimed in claim 35, wherein the initiating the search for the first communication component is automatically performed by the second communication component at regular intervals of time.

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37. (previously provided) The method as claimed in claim 35, wherein the initiating the search for the first communication component is automatically performed by the second communication component after an activation of the service on the first communication component.

38. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 35, further comprises checking by the first component to determine if the second communication component is authorized to receive the copy,

wherein the copy is transferred and the more up-to-date service provided in response to the positive check for the existence of the hardware, to the comparison indicating that the first release is ~~more-up-to~~more up-to-date that the second release, and a positive check for the authorization.

39. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 38, further comprises checking that a license is available for the software,

wherein the copy is transferred and the more up-to-date service provided in response to a positive check for the existence of the hardware, to the comparison indicating that the first release is ~~more-up-to~~more up-to-date that the second release, the positive check for the authorization, and a positive check for the available license.

40. (new) The method as claimed in claim 32, wherein the hardware resource provides a connection with a circuit switched network.

41. (new) The method as claimed in claim 40, wherein the hardware resource is an ISDN card with an interface for ISDN adapters.

42. (new) The method as claimed in claim 35, wherein the hardware resource provides a connection with a circuit switched network.

43. (new) The method as claimed in claim 42, wherein the hardware resource is an ISDN card with an interface for ISDN adapters.

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Amendments To the Abstract:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

The invention relates toIn one aspect, a method is provided for providing resources provided in a first communication component to a second communication component, the components in a packet-switched communication networks. Communication components use resources in a network or provide resources in a network to be used by other communication components.The said-resources being provided by software which runs on the communication components and which accesses the hardware of the communication components. A service examines the hardware of at least one of the communication components in order to determine whether a resource can be provided by a software on said communication component. If the result is positive, the resource-specific software is transmitted to the communication component and provides the resource to be used.

A clean copy of the Abstract that incorporates the above amendments is provided herewith on a separate page.